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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : Review of USIB Procedures for Dealing with  
Overhead Reconnaissance and its Exploitation

REFERENCES : a. USIB-D-69.3/1, 17 January 1967, limited  
distribution through restricted channels  
b. DCID No. 2/7 of 23 April 1965  
c. DCID No. 6/1 of 23 April 1965, limited  
distribution through special channels

1. Pursuant to authorization by the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI), the enclosed memorandum from Mr. John Bross, Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence Programs Evaluation (D/DCI/NIPE), in response to the instructions by Mr. Helms summarized in paragraph 2 of reference a., is circulated for consideration by the United States Intelligence Board (USIB) of the actions recommended in paragraph 5 thereof.

2. As indicated, the attached draft Director of Central Intelligence Directive (DCID) proposed by Mr. Bross would establish a "Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation (COMIREX)" as a single "instrumentality" to serve USIB in developing intelligence guidance for both imagery collection by overhead reconnaissance of denied areas (presently assigned to the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance (COMOR)), and for its exploitation (in accordance with the approved National Tasking Plan). The functions of COMOR relating to SIGINT overhead reconnaissance projects and activities over denied areas would be transferred to the SIGINT Committee. On the effective date of the establishment of COMIREX, DCID No. 2/7 would be cancelled and COMOR would accordingly be abolished.  
See Memorandum for the Record, 11 July 1967, filed

USIB-D-46.1/3.

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*Round of Board action  
attached.  
See also USIB-D-5.1/8  
and USIB-M-498.*

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3. Board members are requested to advise the USIB Secretariat by close of business 18 May of their concurrence in or other views on the proposed actions contained in paragraph 5 of the enclosed memorandum from Mr. Bross.

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Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Review of USIB Procedures for Dealing with  
Overhead Reconnaissance and its Exploitation

1. This memorandum contains recommendations for USIB consideration in paragraph 5, in response to your memorandum to me on the "Need for a USIB Imagery Instrumentality" dated 12 January 1967.
2. You instructed me to take the lead in developing a plan, including terms of reference, for an "instrumentality" to serve the Board in monitoring and coordinating the implementation of the National Tasking Plan for imagery exploitation. You also asked that I consider ways and means to facilitate USIB's procedures and abilities to deal with all aspects of the imagery problem, including collection as well as exploitation.
3. In making this review, I have consulted with and been assisted by the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence and the Director, DIA, as well as representatives of their agencies and other members of the intelligence community concerned with this problem.
4. As a result of this review, I believe that there is a general consensus on the following conclusions:
  - a. The close relationship of intelligence guidance for imagery collection by overhead reconnaissance and for its exploitation makes it desirable that a single "instrumentality" be established to serve the Board on both aspects of the imagery problem. A draft DCID to accomplish this purpose is attached hereto.
  - b. Similarly, the increasing need to relate intelligence guidance for SIGINT collection and exploitation by overhead reconnaissance to all other SIGINT activities has led me to conclude that the SIGINT Committee should be charged with serving the USIB with respect to all such activities. It is believed that this reassignment of SIGINT functions can be made without requiring amendment of DCID No. 6/1 on the SIGINT Committee.

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5. It is therefore recommended that you authorize the circulation of the following proposed actions for telephonic concurrence by the United States Intelligence Board:

a. Approve the attached draft DCID establishing a USIB "Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation (COMIREX)".

b. Transfer the functions of the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance (COMOR) relating to SIGINT overhead reconnaissance projects and activities over denied areas to the SIGINT Committee under DCID No. 6/1.

c. Establish the effective date of a. and b. above as thirty days after final approval of these actions, at which time DCID No. 2/7 relating to COMOR would be cancelled.

d. In the meantime, direct the Chairmen of the SIGINT Committee and of the new COMIREX to make the necessary arrangements for a smooth transition of the functions previously assigned to COMOR.

Attachment  
Draft DCID

(Signed)  
John A. Bross  
JOHN A. BROSS  
D/DCI/NIPE

Recommendations Approved:

/s/ Richard Helms  
Director of Central Intelligence

2 May 1967  
Date

28 April 1967

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<b>Remarks:</b> <p>All other USIB members have approved the recommendations in para. 5 of the memorandum from Mr. Bross.</p> <p>Request your approval in order to complete action on this paper.</p> <p>Approve: _____</p> <p>Richard Helms _____ Date _____ Chairman, USIB</p>			
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TELEPHONE VOTE ACTION

SUBJECT : Review of USIB Procedures for Dealing with Overhead  
Reconnaissance and Its Exploitation  
REFERENCE : USIB-D-5.1/7, 3 May 1967  
DUE DATE : COB 18 May

Agency	Vote	By	Date	
CIA	Concur	[redacted] for Adm. Taylor	17 May	25X1
State	Concur	Mr. Hughes (Mrs. Carruthers) Gen. Glass)	11 May	
DIA	Concur	[redacted] Gen. Carter	18 May	25X1
NSA	Concur	[redacted] Dr. Reichardt (Mrs. Wood)	18 May	25X1
AEC	Concur	Mr. Cregar (Miss Hogan)	17 May	
FBI	Abstain		5 May	

Remarks: The DDCI announced that the recommendations in subject paper  
had been approved and named [redacted] as Chairman 25X1  
of the new COMIREX. (1 June 1967 USIB meeting)

Approved by DCI on \_\_\_\_\_ Initialed by [redacted] 25X1

Record USIB-M-478, 1 June 1967, Item 1; also see USIB-D-5.1/8, 1 June 1967.

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, USIB

SUBJECT : Proposed Announcement of the Approval of the DCID  
on COMIREX and the Designation of its Chairman

REFERENCE : USIB-D-5.1/7, 3 May 1967 (copy attached)

1. Pursuant to your authorization to request telephonic concurrence, all other USIB Members have now approved the recommendations in the reference approving a draft DCID establishing a USIB "Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation (COMIREX)" and transferring the functions of COMOR relating to SIGINT overhead reconnaissance over denied areas to the SIGINT Committee. The effective date of these actions will be 30 days after their final approval, during which time the Chairmen of the SIGINT Committee and COMIREX are to arrange for a smooth transition of the previous COMOR functions.

2. Accordingly, in order to initiate these actions, it is recommended with the concurrence of Mr. Bross, that you make an announcement along the lines of the attachment in executive session at the end of today's USIB meeting.

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Executive Secretary, USIB

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cc: DDCI  
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I understand that all Board Members have now approved by telephonic concurrence the proposed actions which would approve a DCID establishing a USIB "Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation" and transfer the functions of COMOR relating to SIGINT overhead reconnaissance over denied areas to the SIGINT Committee.

I am, therefore, announcing final approval of these actions as of this date, so that their effective date will be 30 days hence, during which time the Chairmen of the SIGINT Committee and COMIREX are being directed to arrange for a smooth transition of the functions previously assigned to COMOR.

I also propose, if there is no objection, to designate [redacted] as the Chairman of the new COMIREX, in view of his extensive knowledge and experience in this field, particularly as Chairman of COMOR. [redacted] will of course continue as Chairman of SIGINT.

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